up of some new schemes are planned for this year with an outlay of Rs. 55 crores. A provision of Rs. 5 crores has also been made for flood proofing works.

(e) and (f) No, Sir. Under the existing arrangements no difficulty has been encountered.

Construction of artificial lakes

2568. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Water and Power Consultancy Service Limited has suggested the construction of artificial lakes in the Bhatti mines area near Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) to what extent this project is likely to benefit the people of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE HRI V.C. SHUKLA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In response to a query received from Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking concerning investigations for storing rain water in the Union Territory of Delhi (Bhatti Mines), WAPCOS have submitted their proposal outlining the following line of action;

(i) Study the rainfall data of Delhi to determine the spatial and tme variations in order to make a rough estimate of the Wate potential of different areas surveyed.

(ii) Come up with an estimate of approximately how much populated area this can serve for meeting their drinking water needs and with what reliability.

(iii) To finally determine the viability of the concept of storage of rain water based on meteorological and other factors.

(iv) Studies which would also outline the likely benefits that might accrue.

The proposal is under the scrutiny of the Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking.

Irrigation potential in Madhya Pradesh

2569. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased

(a) What is the exiting irrigation potential availalble in Madhya Pradesh, as compared to other States and Union Territories, in terms of acreage and the percentage of total land area; and

(b) to what extent this irrigation potential is utilised in Madhya Pradesh and other States/Union Terriories?